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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
DETLEF ALBIN ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 3724  
SERIAL NO: 08/650,709 :  
FILED: MAY 20, 1996 : EXAMINER: DEXTER  
FOR: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR  
COARSELY GRINDING HYDROUS  
POLYMER GELS

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, line 9, delete the ",";

line 10, delete in its entirety, except for the ".".

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 16, 20 and 23-25.

Claims 17-19 and 21, line 1 of each, change "24" to --26--.

Enter the following new claims:

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*DK*  
--26. A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness, comprising:  
a cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross cutting element including a  
cutting edge, and a circumferentially extending longitudinal cutting element including